

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 501

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. H.K. Sorrell of
Brownsville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. H.K. Sorrell; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sorrell was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, H.K. Sorrell was born on September 5, 1926, to Herman Aaron Sorrell and Grace Payne Sorrell in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, filled with an unwavering sense of duty and patriotism, H.K. Sorrell served in the United States Navy during World War II; and

WHEREAS, after serving honorably in the military, Mr. Sorrell graduated from Union University in 1949 and then helped establish Cloverport Baptist Church in Madison County that same year. He received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Union University in 1976; and

WHEREAS, seeking to further enrich his ministry, Dr. H.K. Sorrell attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, from which he graduated in 1952; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sorrell then continued his long tenure as a minister of God, serving as pastor at Unity Baptist Church in Bean Blossom, Indiana; Salem Baptist Church in Lynn Grove, Kentucky; First Baptist Church in Sturgis, Kentucky; and Brownsville Baptist Church in Brownsville, where he remained for nearly thirty years until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, even in retirement, Dr. H.K. Sorrell continued to serve as pastor at First Baptist Church in Whiteville and Salem Baptist Church in Henning, and overall, he spent more than seventy years as a minister; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sorrell was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Helen Howle, Mildred Moreland, and Mary Elizabeth West; and

WHEREAS, Dr. H.K. Sorrell will be fondly remembered by his wife and ministering partner of sixty-eight years, Jean Hicks Sorrell; his sons, Bill Sorrell, Mark Sorrell, Stephen Sorrell, and Paul Sorrell; his granddaughter, Lauren Maslowski; and his great-grandchildren, Bram and Bryley Maslowski; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sorrell leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. H.K. Sorrell, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Sorrell.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.